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SUBJECT: KENYAN ARMS ASSISTANCE DELEGATION AND LIST OF U.S.
MILITARY EQUIPMENT DESIRED BY KENYA

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1. DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED THAT GOK IS AGREEABLE TO SENDING
WORKING-LEVEL DELEGATION RATHER THAN MINISTERIAL ONE.
WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY CAN PERSUADE DELEGATION
TO COME IN MID FEBRUARY, RATHER THAN DURING SECOND OR
THIRD WEEK IN JANUARY. AS THINGS NOW STAND, THERE WILL BE
VERY FEW SENIOR OFFICIALS HERE IN MID-JANUARY AND HIGH-
LEVEL VISITS ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR LAST WEEK OF

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JANUARY, IN WHICH PERTINENT SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL BE HIGH-

LY INVOLVED. IF, HOWEVER, GOK REFUSES TO POSTPONE VISIT BEYOND THIRD WEEK IN JANUARY , WE WILL RECEIVE DELEGATION AT THAT TIME AND DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE VISIT WORTHWHILE, GIVEN EXISTING LIMITATIONS.

2. THE SUBMISSION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S FY 1976 SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS HAS RESULTED IN AN UNUSUAL DEGREE OF CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY OF THE CONCEPT OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES, BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL, AS WELL AS CLOSE EXAMINATION OF PARTICULAR PROGRAMS. THERE IS, AS A RESULT, WIDESPREAD SENTIMENT EVEN

AMONG TRADITIONAL SUPPORTERS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO PLACE MORE CONSTRAINTS ON SUCH ASSISTANCE AND TO BRING THE PROVISION OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES BY US SOURCES UNDER CLOSER CONGRESSIONAL WATCH. CONGRESS IS ACCORDINGLY MOVING VERY SLOWLY ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUESTS, AND IT MAY WELL BE SOME MONTHS BEFORE WE RECEIVE BOTH AUTHORIZING AND APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION. THEREFORE WE LIKELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SHED ANY MORE LIGHT IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY THAN WE CAN NOW ON EXTENT TO WHICH USG CAN ASSIST GOK. GOK DELEGATION SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS IMPORTANT FACTOR BEFORE ARRIVING HERE.

3. RESPONSE TO GOK SHOPPING LIST WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL SHORTLY. THIS WILL INFORM POST WHAT IS AND IS NOT IN REALM OF FEASIBILITY INSOFAR AS SHOPPING LIST IS CONCERNED. EMBASSY SHOULD BE FULLY AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT FOR TWO REASONS THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY U.S. CAN FULFILL KENYAN EXPECTATIONS. FIRST MAP OR FMS FUNDING FOR SUCH VOLUME OF PURCHASES NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS. SECOND, LIST INCLUDES SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY WHICH US CANNOT PROVIDE BOTH FOR POLICY AND LEGAL REASONS. FYI: DOD PREPARED INFORMAL PRICE ESTIMATE ITEMS LISTED REFTEL B. BASED ON HYPOTHETICAL ORDERS PLACED TODAY THROUGH FMS PROCEDURES, FIRST PHASE TOTALS OVER DOLS 125 MILLION AND SECOND PHASE ABOUT DOLS 100 MILLION, MAKING GRAND TOTAL OF OVER DOLS 225 MILLION. (TRAINING, TRANSPORTATION, AND AMMUNITION NOT INCLUDED.) END FYI

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4. WE LOOK TO EMBASSY TO MAKE SURE THAT GOK IS AWARE SUBSTANCE REFTEL C. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT, PRIOR TO OUR RECEIVING ANY DELEGATION HERE, THAT GOK UNDERSTANDS PROBLEMS WE FACE INTERNALLY IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GENERALLY AND HOW THESE RELATE TO GOK REQUEST. DOD/STATE REGARD IT IMPORTANT TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH MAY RESULT FROM UNREALISTIC EXPECTATION BY GOK OF ASSISTANCE FAR BEYOND CAPACITY USG TO PROVIDE. SUCH MISUNDER-

STANDING COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT US-KENYA RELATIONS AND
MIGHT ALSO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DELEGATION MEM-
BERS VIS-A-VIS THEIR OWN GOVT.

5. WE WILL OF COURSE GIVE DELEGATION BEST POSSIBLE RE-
CEPTION AND DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE TRIP WORTHWHILE.

6. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP DATES DELEGATION VISIT AND EXPECTA-
TIONS IT COMING WITH. KISSINGER

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